

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing lamellar U-shaped heat-exchanger tubes, comprising the steps of:

producing a drawn heat-exchanger tube material made of a nonferrous metal;

coiling the drawn heat-exchanger tube material horizontally in a round open-top container;

uncoiling the drawn heat-exchanger tube material from the container;

straightening the uncoiled drawn heat-exchanger tube material;

cutting the drawn heat exchanger tube material to form tube portions of a desired length;

forming a recrystallized state in the tube portions by annealing and subsequently cooling the tube portions; and

bending the tube portions into a U-shape to form the lamellar U-shaped heat-exchanger tubes.

20. (Previously Presented) Method for the manufacture of heat-exchanger tubes according to claim 19, characterized in that the drawn tube portions are subjected to quality control.

21. (Previously Presented) Method for the manufacture of heat-exchanger tubes according to claim 19, characterized in that the drawn heat-exchanger tube material is flushed with inert gas.

22. (Previously Presented) Method for the manufacture of heat-exchanger tubes according to claim 21, characterized in that the inert gas flows counter to the direction in which the drawn heat exchanger tube material is uncoiled.

23. (Previously Presented) Method for the manufacture of heat-exchanger tubes according to claim 20, characterized in that, after cutting to the desired length, the tube portions are subjected to internal and/or external cleaning.